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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the patent documents listed on the enclosed citation Form PTO-1449. A copy of the listed patent documents are also enclosed.

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### REMARKS

English language abstracts for Japanese Laid-Open Patent Applications were obtained from a commercial database.

### FORMAL MATTERS

We also enclose a check for the required \$180.00 to cover the Information Disclosure Statement fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)(2). Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

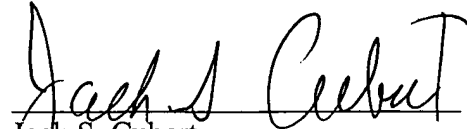
### CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the cited information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

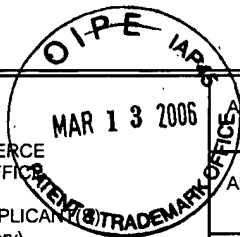
Favorable consideration hereof is earnestly solicited.

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